

### **III. REMARKS**

Claims 49-57, 59, 60, 62, 63, and 97-113 remain in the case.

#### **Telephone Interview**

Applicants appreciate the courteous and helpful telephone interviews granted by Examiner DeMille on August 5 and August 8, 2005. As a result of those interviews, Examiner DeMille, after reconsideration of his initial restriction, agreed to restrict the claims to only two groups wherein one group of claims would be directed to automated chest compression devices and a second group would be directed to manual chest compression devices. Applicant enters this election based on the Examiner's amended restriction.

#### **Election**

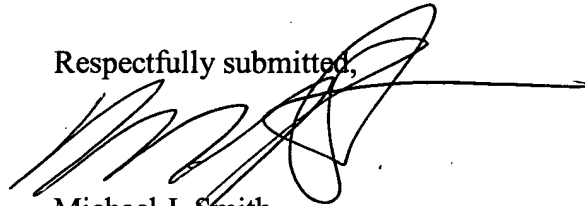
The Examiner's original restriction dividing the claims into eight groups was amended in a telephone interview on August 8, 2005. The Examiner thereby restricted the claims by dividing the claims into only two groups: claims directed to automated chest compression devices and claims directed to manual chest compression devices. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to pursue the claims directed to manual chest compression devices, namely, independent claims 49, 49, 63, and 97 along with claims depending from those claims, namely claims 50-57, 59, 60, 62, and 98-113. The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as drawn to non-elected inventions. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this, or a related, application.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions that would expedite examination of the elected claims, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (512) 542-8530.

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Respectfully submitted,

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